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SUBJECT: NAIM'S VISIT TO PEKING

SUMMARY. MOHAMMED MAIM, BROTHER AND SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT DAOUD OF AFGHANISTAN, IS CURRENTLY VISITING CHINA AS THE FIRST HIGH-RANKING AFGHAN OFFICIAL SINCE THE JULY 1973 COUP IN AFGHANISTAN. A NEW TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED. BANQUET TOASTS INDICATE THAT PRC REMAINS CONCERNED OVER THE EXTENT OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFGHANISTAN AND THE CONTINUING AFGHAN-PAKISTANI DISPUTE. PEKING, HOWEVER, HAS TREATED MAIM ALMOST ON LEVEL NORMALLY RESERVED FOR HEAD OF STATE. POLITICALLY, THE VISIT APPEARS TO BE ACCOMPLISHING LITTLE, AT LEAST FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW. END SUMMARY.

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1. MOHAMMED NAIM, BROTHER OF PRESIDENT DAOUD AND HIS

PERSONAL ENVOY, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH ARRIVED IN PEKING DECEMBER 6. EXCEPT FOR RANK OF GREETER AT AIRPORT (FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER THAN VICE PREMIER) AND LACK OF CALL ON CHAIRMAN MAO, NAIM'S VISIT HAS RECEIVED THE TYPE OF ATTENTION NORMALLY RESERVED FOR HEADS OF STATE. NAIM ON DECEMBER 7 MET WITH CHOU EN-LAI IN HOSPITAL AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, WHO THEN HOSTED A BANQUET IN HIS HONOR. ON DECEMBER 8, NAIM HOSTED A RETURN BANQUET ATTENDED BY LI.

2. A NEW ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN PEKING DECEMBER 6 BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG AND HIS COUNTERPART, ABDULLAH. PRESENT AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WERE VICE PREMIER LI, FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, AND NAIM. AS USUAL, NO DETAILS WERE ANNOUNCED. THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, SIGNED IN MARCH 1965, PROVIDED FOR CHINESE CREDITS WORTH US\$28 MILLION, WHICH FINANCED A TEXTILE MILL, POULTRY FARM, AND SERICULTURE FARM DURING AFGHANISTAN'S THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1966-70). THE NEW CREDIT WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE ITS MAIN IMPACT DURING THE FIFTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN SINCE THE FOURTH PLAN ENDS IN 1975.

3. THE PRC APPEARS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO WARM UP SINO-AFGHAN RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN COOL SINCE THE JULY 1973 COUP BY NAIM'S BROTHER. CHINESE ARE CONCERNED BY THE EXTENT OF SOVIET INFLUENCE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND BY THE CONTINUING AFGHAN-PAKISTANI DISPUTE. IN EXCERPTS FROM BANQUET SPEECH QUOTED BY NCNA, LI HSIEN-NIEN EXPRESSED THESE CONCERNS INDIRECTLY. HE CONDEMNED SUPERPOWER CONTENTION FOR WORLD HEGEMONY AND PRAISED "SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES" FOR BEING VIGILANT AGAINST "THE WILD AMBITIONS OF THE SUPERPOWERS." HE CLAIMED THE SOUTH ASIANS "WANT TO BE FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, TREAT ONE ANOTHER AS EQUALS, LIVE IN FRIENDSHIP, AND SEEK A PEACEFUL AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF EXISTING ISSUES BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES." IN RESPONSE, NAIM SPOKE OF THE "IRRESISTIBLE TREND TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND FULL ENJOYMENT OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS" AND STRESSED THE SINO-AFGHAN RELATIONS HAD ALWAYS BEEN BASED INTER ALIA ON "NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

4. IN SEEKING WAYS TO PUBLICIZE SINO-AFGHAN RELATIONS, NCNA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCED SEVERAL ARTICLES ON AFGHANISTANI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH PRAISED SERICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE BAGRAMI TEXTILE MILL, WHICH, ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE MODESTLY OMITTED THE FACT, WERE PRC-ASSISTED PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT. THE PRC APPEARS TO BE GOING ALL OUT ON THIS AFGHAN VISIT BUT THE RATHER POINTED NAIM RESPONSE ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE AFGHANS

DO NOT CONSIDER EITHER THE SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONSHIP OR THE PAKISTANI DISPUTE AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNS IN SINO-AFGHAN RELATIONS. NCNA DID NOT REPORT ANY TOASTS OR SPEECHES AT NAIM'S RETURN BANQUET, AN INDICATION THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO OVERNIGHT SOFTENING IN THE AFGHANISTAN POSITIONS. THUS, DESPITE THE RED CARPET TREATMENT, THE VISIT APPEARS TO BE ACCOMPLISHING LITTLE, AT LEAST FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW, BEYOND PROVIDING AFGHANISTAN WITH SOME ADDITIONAL CHINESE ASSISTANCE WHICH THE PRC PROBABLY HOPES WILL IN SOME MEASURE COUNTER THE SOVIET INFLUENCE.
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